

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: YOSHIO UCHIKATA Application No.: 09/769,323 Filed: January 26, 2001 For: PRINTING APPARATUS AND CARRIAGE SCAN DRIVING **METHOD**

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Examiner: C.H. Nolan, Jr.

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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF INFORMALITY

Sir:

This is in response to the Notice of Informality (Notice) dated July 1, 2003. One of Applicant's attorneys on July 15, 2003, reviewed by telephone the Notice with Examiner Nolan and with Supervising Patent Examiner Hirshfeld, during which Mr. Hirshfeld informed Applicant's attorney that the Notice was issued erroneously and that it was not necessary to reply substantively to it.

Applicant respectfully requests favorable reconsideration and early passage to issue of the present application.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York Office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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